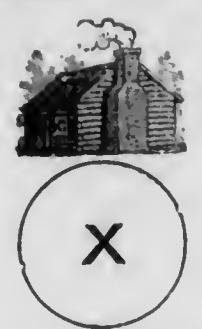




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### REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Representative, ALVIN S. BENNETT.  
For County Judge, LOV ROGERS.  
For County Court Clerk, M. S. RAGLAND.  
For County Attorney, M. L. HEAVEN.  
For Sheriff, CAL P. KEOWN.  
For School Superintendent, JAMES DEVENE.  
For Justice, THOMAS H. BLACK.  
For Assessor, FRANK LOWE.  
For Surveyor, JOHN H. WOOD.  
For Coroner, BEN L. DAVIS.  
MAGISTRATE.

GEORGE BAKER—Hartford District  
GEO. W. MARTIN—Cromwell District  
JOHN M. GHANAM—Salisbury Springs Dist.  
S. C. MITCHELL—Hartford District  
L. D. BESSELICH—Fayette District  
W. P. BENNETT—Centerpoint District  
D. J. WILSON—Rockport District

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JEROME ALLEN—Hartford District  
J. R. LILER—Cromwell District  
T. W. WRIGHT—Hartford District  
V. M. HARRIS—Fayette District  
JON ALLEN—Hartford District  
WM. CHANCLER—Centerpoint District  
HENRY ROBINSON—Rockport District

### THEY ARE DESPERATE FELLOWS.

Facing certain defeat, as they are; avoiding the exposure of their records, as they have, and refusing to discuss the issues of last fall and the preceding fall, the Democratic candidates have become desperate fellows. Political death, followed by calamity and dire disaster, have incensed them to a state of madness and they are now grasping at every straw that floats upon the breeze, like the drowning man. Having fully made up their minds to evade a discussion of the principles they stood for one year ago, having issued an order eliminating "their cry of assassination," that poisoned the political atmosphere in the last campaign, having unanimously agreed to say nothing of those incendiary paintings exhibited in the Beckham procession, the cartoon which they said was the picture of Governor Taylor shooting Senator Goebel, the maddened, rebellious utterances made on the stump in Hartland, they have grown desperate in attempting to inject into the veins of the true Republicans, the spirit of discontent and self-deliverance.

Realizing, as they do, the certainty of death, if they attempt to defend anything they have ever stood for, they have given forth a band of prowling sneaks, foraging petitions under the guiz of discredited Republicans and asking Republicans to solicit certain gentlemen to announce as independent candidates, for the sole purpose of defeating the Republican nominees, and insinuating into office the men who rendered every power they possessed in driving Kentucky's rightfule Governor from the realms of the Commonwealth. Mr. Henry Leach is out in a strong letter denouncing it, and charging it to those in sheer desperation. His language is strong and well applied: "I believe that it emanated from a Democratic source." Here is the secret of the story, well put. What authority have these men to enter the Republican party and assume to direct it? Who has authorized these desperate fellows to put certain Republicans' names on a type-written document, breathed into existence through the instrumentality of a Democratic machine, in the hands of a Democratic candidate, and nail them out broad-cast over the county? Indeed it is without authority, it has been done with one end in view, to arouse disension in the Republican party, for they know success can come to them through no other channel and as a last and desperate venture they have decided to assume leadership for the opposing party.

Mr. Leach is not the only man whose name and honor have been insulted by the Democratic candidates and their management, but from appearance there are a number of other gentlemen. Among them is Mr. Thos. H. Benton, of Centerpoint, whom there is no stronger or more loyal Republican in the county. This Democratic petition is accepted by Mr. Benton as a great insult to his honor and patriotism. So humiliated was he on learning that Democrats were issuing calls for him to make the race for Sheriff

on an independent ticket under the guiz of Republicanism, he deemed it his duty to brand it a "Democratic forgery." Mr. Benton handles the insult to his pride and honor, as does Mr. Leach, without gloves. Concluding a paragraph he says: "I therefore DENOUNCE IT AS A DEMOCRATIC FORGERY, GOTTERN UP FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF INJURING ME AND DEFEATING THE REPUBLICAN TICKET."

Here you have it straight from two most excellent gentlemen, whose honor is above reproach and whose standing in their community is unassailable. They denounce these petitions as "Democratic demagogery." These documents are printed and mailed out at the expense of that large Democratic corruption fund, for a Republican would not dare do such a thing, charging Republican frauds without citing a single instance where fraud was committed. These Democratic dodgers have charged fraud in the Republican primary and have never been able to find a single man, who let his vote on account of fraud. These fellows who openly boasted of their ability to out steal, out count and out contest; these same breeders of Goebelism, revolution and anarchistic election laws—laws that remove every element of chance from the result of the election; these angelic, God-like puritanists, long-laced, sin-spotted political dispensationists are the would-be dictators of Ohio county Republicanism. Fellow citizens, do you want them? Read Meers, Bennett and Wade, Goebel and Cox, read after this fashion: "You are unfit for that which you seek, hence I'll likewise cast you aside for the 'survivors of the fittest.'

OBSERVER, Mr. Editor, will you please advise me, why the editor of the Herald refuses to argue politics with you, but instead only refers to you in an unkind and abusive manner, why does he not defend his parts and the party's principles? In the first place, we answer, the Herald's editor has not the ability, nor the courage, nor the manhood to conduct a line of argument; his reference to us as "mud-mill and calamity exponent and vice breeder," is due to his inability and the lack of dignity of a true gentleman. Secondly, no man can defend the Democratic party's conduct in State affairs and of course a mental prostitute could not.

**POLITICAL COWARDICE.**  
Less than twelve months ago the Democratic candidates, now before the people, were waging a ruthless war against the people on strict political and "assassination" lines. They were bold in their defense of the contest and the overthrow of civil liberty; so intense were they infatuated with their seeming success, that when they planned a rally and ratification, they called a meeting of the "faithful" and sorely charged them that the cry of the day was not for a free and fair count and a loyal submission to the decree of the people, but it was "assassination." The chairman of the Democratic party issued his command that nothing should be said or done that would tend to allow men to reason, but instead, inflammatory charges were to be made, the passions and prejudices of the common people were to be fanned into insolence and raging hatred, the gods of reason were dethroned and driven from the kingdom, while the idolatrous revels in the magnificence of their infamy. These same gentlemen, who are insisting that their character and conduct are such that they are meritorious of the people's good will and special favor, did more to carry politics into the sanctuary and the home circle than the citizens of any other community in this commonwealth; from the stump, the man who cast his vote for John W. Yerkes and civil liberty, was denounced as an assassin; through the columns of the press they talked of revolution and the overthrow of the Republican party, and denounced Kentucky's rightfule Governor as a murderer and drove him from the State, and placed in the executive chair a man that had been defeated by a decisive majority; in private correspondence to the men in the ranks they urged a strict adherence to the party lines, advising that "a vote for Yerkes was an indorsement of all the lawlessness of last winter."

Having fought the campaign on lines of prejudice and "assassination," they lost out and were repudiated by a majority of 400. Liberty-loving citizens. Realizing, as they most certainly do, that another campaign waged on "assassination" and the ejec-  
tion of Governor Taylor, would result in total annihilation, the head of the ticket and the candidate for Clerk have laid aside their past conduct, wretched as it is, and are now pleading for the abolition of politics from the campaign, and issuing orders to the fieldmen "no politics in it, boys," like the cry of the midnight rogue.

It is with the Republicans to determine whether these men shall be judged by the "deeds done in the body;" they have it in their power to call a halt on the rabid and frenzied demon of cruel injustice; they can say to the man who carries the vote of the people in his pocket, "I will call you to strict account for these poison-striking paintings and the "cut" that was fluorished in the "bull's eye" which made him bowl out;" "Yes, there's your civil liberty." It is within the power of the Republicans to say to the laboring man shall not be promoted to office; it is also in the power of the Republicans to say to the head of the ticket, a man who made the race for office in '97 on the Populist ticket, advocated Populist doctrine in '98, '99 and 1900, and on the first of March, 1901, openly and boldly avows: "SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE CHICAGO PLATFORM BY THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1896, AND THE RE-AFFIRMATION OF THIS PLATFORM BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN KENTUCKY, I HAVE

BEEN AND AM NOW A DEMOCRAT. ABIDE TO CONSTITUTE PARTY AFFILIATION ARE: FIRST, ALLEGIANCE TO PARTY PLATFORM, AND SECOND, SUPPORT OF PARTY NOMINEES," shall not be given official favors.

We submit the case to the discretion of a wise and just public, believing that the citizens of the county will say to Jimmie Miller, "Jimmie, so odious is your conduct, so unstable are you in your declarations, so demagogue-like are your decorum and history, I will cast you aside for a man who regards consistency and truthfulness a virtue," to Mr. Smith, "Tommie, you have had enough from the public crib, and whenever you have shown your hand, it has invariably been against the laboring people, therefore, I will have none of you" and to Mr. Butler, "Tom, before you can hope for recognition, you must explain the mystery that now hangs about your massed fortune, while the hand writing on the wall for Meers, Bennett and Wade, Goebel and Cox, reads after this fashion:

"You are unfit for that which you seek, hence I'll likewise cast you aside for the 'survivors of the fittest.'

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—I wish to say to the Republicans of Ohio county, through the columns of your paper, that the petition which is being circulated in different parts of the county, calling on me and other defeated candidates to make an independent race, is fraudulent and originated without my sanction or solicitation. I feel that it places me in a false position before the people. I believe that it emanated from a Democratic source. Therefore I denounce it as being injurious to me and to the Republican party. I am in no way in sympathy with Democratic candidates or principles. Being a Republican I shall always be found fighting for Republicans and Republican principles. There is much depends on the result of the November election and every Republican should be found at his post of duty. HENRY LEACH, Cromwell, Ky., July 22, 1901.

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